

Reward

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SOCALM's Holiday Party

Tom and Marna Wood

We had a grand time at this years Holiday Party. We had the whole room to ourselves with new members and old alike having a great time socializing and getting to know each other better.

We had some really nice festive decorations that Bari put together for the club. Including some M&M's that read Zoom-Zoom & SOCALM on them, What a nice touch, many thanks to Bari and her helpers to arrange such a fun venue and festive atmosphere.



We had lots of presents to exchange at the gift exchange and had lots of fun stealing and trading gifts. The gifts were a variety of Miata items from new to old and some rather large.

We had one item where everyone in attendance received a ticket to win something just for joining us for the holidays. It was a "CorkSport" new item for redirecting the air from the front of the car through the radiator. We also had tickets for two Adults to Knott's Berry farm donated by Miatafun. So everyone had two chances to win.



Here are some pictures of members having fun at the holiday party



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Looking Down The Road...

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Featured Event

"Mazda Mash"

Miata's at:

"California Speedway"
Fontana



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CLUB INFORMATION

SOCALM is a non-profit organization whose primary purpose is to gather for enthusiastic fun and to share information about the Mazda Miata MX-5.

Annual Dues: \$25.00 per year. Check the mailing label on this newsletter. The date at the top is your membership expiration date. If that date has passed, then this is your LAST issue of *The Reward*.

Submissions to *The Reward* should be sent to the club address below. You can also send articles, pictures, and letters via e-mail to editor@socalm.org.

The standard deadline for submissions is the **15th** of the month, but you should always call the Editor-in-Chief to check on last minute submissions.

Submissions may be edited for content or length.

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SOCALM Library

Some of the members may not be aware that SOCALM has a library. There are several reference items available to members for their use. We have factory repair manuals for model years 1990, 91, and 92. An enthusiast manual for the early (1600cc) cars, along with suggested repair times manuals for 1995 cars.

If you are thinking of planning a run, but are a little reluctant because you've never done it before, there is an excellent manual available to walk you through the process. Back issues of Miata Magazine to Winter of 1992 are available.

We have a full set of past issues of *The Reward*, thanks to Bill Strohm who donated his collection.

There are also some items that may be helpful, such as 2 portable CB radios for use on runs. A G-Tech meter for measuring acceleration, horsepower and cornering G's. A trunk-mounted luggage rack is available to use on a long trip.

These items are here for the use of any SOCALM member in good standing. Just contact club librarian Bill Bryant at (909) 595-1974 or librarian@socalm.org to make arrangements.



SOCALM Merchandise

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MEMBERSHIP

RENEWALS DUE

The following Memberships are up for renewal in **January**.
Send in your dues today.

Mail them to:

SOCALM

2694 E. Garvey Ave So. #36
West Covina, CA 91791.

If you have already sent in your dues – Thank You!

Jerry Allen	Irvine	1999 Highlight Silver
Mel & Toni Appell	Encino	2006 Brilliant Black
Ted & Paulette Bruns	Glendora	2003 Sunlight Silver
Melissa & Marc Carlsen	Moorpark	1997 White
Spence & Diane Carter	Burbank	2003 Blue
Paulie & Allen Davis	Glendale	1996 Montego Blue
Rodney & Susan Gordon	Ontario	1994 Laguna Blue
Tom & Marilyn Holcomb	Long Beach	1995 Brilliant Black
Timothy James & Wendy Schusse	Los Alamitos	1999 Highlight Silver
Ben Katz	Los Angeles	1995 Brilliant Black
Mailen & Lynne Kootsey	Redlands	1995 Classic Red
Sean & Rio Lawrence	La Canada	1991 Crystal White
Paul & Duffy Lawson	Hermosa Beach	1995 Montego Blue
Paul Massmann	Irvine	1994 White
Ross McIntosh	San Bernardino	1991 Crystal White
Curtis & Kathy Nagel	Mission Viejo	2004 Titanium
Francie & Paul Pollock	Northridge	1990 Classic Red
Mike & Martine Votaw	Whittier	1999 Highlight Silver

The following memberships were up for renewal in **December**. If you have already sent in your dues – Thank You! If you haven't, please renew as soon as possible.

Jason Bardis	Pasadena	1994 Montego Blue
Bruce Braviroff	Placentia	2003 Shinsen
Justin Braviroff	Yucaipa	2004 Titanium Gray
David Carder	Placentia	1990 Classic Red
Diana Carmel	Irvine	1990 Classic Red
Bob Davis	Chino Hills	2003 Strato Blue
Diana Davis	West Covina	2001 Emerald Mica
William Donoghue	Anaheim	2006 Galaxy Gray
Chris Garrett	Simi Valley	2001 BRG
Bonnie Lawry	Ontario	2006 Sunlight Silver
Jeff & Barbara Nowell	Anaheim	2005 Nordic Green
Richard Ress	Encino	1992 Classic Red
Wally Stevens	San Diego	1992 Sunburst Yellow
Bob Thomas	Van Nuys	1994 Blue
Jerry & Rosemary Wallin	Laguna Woods	1996 Starlight Mica
Jim & Mary Whitten	Chino Hills	2001 BRG
Anthony & Laura Willson	Santa Ana	1990 Classic Red

The following Memberships were up for renewal in **November**. We are sorry to say good-bye to these members. We hope to see these memberships reactivated in the near future. We will miss you.

Jerold Cohen	Mission Viejo	2006 Marble White
George Darby	Anaheim	2001 Crystal Blue
Robert & Cathy Denise	Canyon Country	2001 Emerald Mica
Dave & Sharon Etter	Yorba Linda	2006 Silver
Spencer Lynn	Walnut	1994 Laguna Blue
Susan Miller	Lakewood	1996 Starlight Mica
Dee O'Sullivan	La Habra	1996 White
Christine Samusick	Simi Valley	1990 Crystal White
Jay & Sherry Sato	Irvine	1994 Brilliant Black
Gene Whitaker & Wayne Michalek	Long Beach	2001 Midnight Blue
Mica		

New Members

Wanted

YOU'RE INVITED!

Come join the Fun that we've been having since 1990! Membership benefits include discounts at local dealers & shops, Social gatherings, and great driving camaraderie.



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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MIATA CLUB

Ask for some tagging cards at the General Meeting and spread the word "SOCALM" is for you and your car. You might want to stop by your local dealer and ask if they would put one in each glove box. So everyone can find a treasure in their car and join one of our favorite Miata Clubs and enjoy the ownership of a great car.

Membership Renewals

Denise Ambrosio	Pasadena	2000 Brilliant Black
Mike & Lisa Bennett	Laguna Niguel	1995 Pearl Garnet
Jim & Tang Coates	Simi Valley	1990 Classic Red
Kevin & Elizabeth Fellows	Chino Hills	2006 Velocity Red
Denis Fera & June Stephens	Long Beach	
	2002 Blazing Yellow	
Stan Fry & Donna Sinkway	Riverside	1994 Brilliant Black
Stan & Leticia Gorgura	Laguna Niguel	2007 Copper Red
Mike & Joellen Keyes	Lake Elsinore	2004 Velocity Red
Jackie Morris	Lake Forest	2004 Velocity Red
James Neforos	Long Beach	1993 Crystal White
Norm & Delores Stevens	San Dimas	1997 Twilight Blue
Mica		
David Winder	Camarillo	1991 Classic Red

Membership Statistics

Memberships	252	People	389
Single	115	Cars	279
Dual	137		

Birthdays

01/03 Timothy Cyr	01/17 Denis Fera
01/03 Ben Katz	01/19 Timothy James
01/05 Joseph Rodman	01/20 Joachim Feise
01/06 Wally Stevens	01/24 Jeffrey Leites
01/06 Chris Fly	01/29 Rosemary Wallin
01/06 Jung "JJ" Favalessa	01/30 Tony Atkission
01/06 Janet Riphagen	
01/06 Noralisa Villarreal	
01/07 Bruce Virnelson	
01/09 Paul Massmann	
01/09 Kristyn Gonnerman	
01/10 Yvette Palinkas	
01/10 John Redel	
01/14 Anne Walker	
01/14 Don Kennelly	
01/14 Charles Lusch	



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Winter Wonderland

by Bob Davis

President's Ramblings

You may remember that last month's article reminded you of the December activities, and, true to form, they were a lot of fun.

The holiday party, held on Dec. 1st at the Newport Beach Tennis Club, was attended by 47 members and guests who enjoyed an excellent buffet meal, with great service by the Club staff. The decorations were quite festive and, as usual, the (steal-a-) gift exchange was a hit. Mark and Wally just couldn't seem to hold onto any gift for more than 3 minutes. Many thanks to Bud for orchestrating the gift exchange and to Bari for her countless hours spent in organizing, etc. The poinsettias and the imprinted M & Ms were a nice touch. The agenda for the general meeting will include a review of the party, including both the club's and member's cost, to determine if club members want to repeat this format next year or revert to a member-hosted party.

The following Saturday found several dozen Miataphiles attending Hal's annual Celestial Lights dinner at Paradise Cove, near Malibu, followed by a 30 mile jaunt thru the local hills, with an excellent astronomy lesson presented by our host. We managed to avoid any rain and found our way to Applebee's for desert, coffee, and fellowship. Once again, THANKS! To Hal.

The "sleepers" event for December, arranged by Mark, was for SOCALM to participate in the El Segundo holiday parade on Dec. 9th. Mark, Lisa, Juli and I represented SOCALM and had a lot of fun. We made our own twists and turns at the breakneck speed of 0.0005mph, and I improvised with several "figure 8s" along the parade route. We had so much fun that we definitely will be encouraging a much larger SOCALM contingent next year.



"If you've got the urge to get more involved, here's your chance to help out the club..."

I also mentioned last month that we have a very full agenda for our upcoming general meeting. So much so, that you actually may want to bring a sack lunch. A couple more items have been added and here is the tentative agenda.....

Saturday, January 12, 2008 Mazda Headquarters, Irvine 10:00am

Vendor Presentations

(will begin at 10am "sharp")

Super Autobacs

EZ Softtops (to raffle off a softtop during the meeting)

Approval—of October 27th board meeting minutes

Financial Report—as of December 31, 2007

Board Member reports

SOCALM Pins

discuss design and purchase

Raffle (partial)

Presentation—improved membership database and web calendar

Raffle (partial)

Presentation—of Recognition Award(s)

Holiday party—review

Raffle (partial)

Newsletter discussion—increased mailing costs—proposal to eliminate mail copies and go entirely on-line.

Elections—President

Raffle (partial)

All other positions

Schedule 2008 events

Raffle Finale

SOCALM Annual Meeting Jan 12th, 2008

1. Head south on CA-55 S
2. Take exit 11A to merge onto I05 South towards San Diego 6.8 Miles
3. Take exit 96A for Sand Canyon Ave .2 Miles
4. Turn right at Sand Canyon Ave .6 Miles
5. Turn Left at Irvine Center Drive 1.2 Miles

***You can also exit Alton Parkway and go right to the corner and make a left then a right on Gateway Blvd. or Irvine Center Drive.**

See you there. 10 AM the meeting starts.



Take the I-5 Santa Ana Freeway South to Alton Parkway and exit Alton Parkway. Make a right at the exit go North to Alton Parkway and make a left then a right on Gateway Blvd. Follow it around and into the parking lot in front of the building. Look for the Miata's.

HOLIDAY PARTY (cont)

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SOCALM's Holiday Party Pictures.

So as you can see we had a great turn-out and here are some more pictures.



**Pictures sent in from
Pat and Lee Ruecker.**

GREAT PARTY!

By
Bari Russell

Mum and I appeared at NBTC a few minutes past 6:00 and all but four guests were there with beverages in hand. It was amazing! Now that I have chilled after all the excitement it's time to thank the 47 members that reserved for our first out of the cozy home into a cozy club Holiday Party. At first I was disappointed with a final count of 45, last minute Dean and Tassy were unable to attend, but it was perfect for our first attempt.

It was difficult to finding a place that didn't have outrageous fees; I tried places more central to no avail. Finally, Kathie McClelland found Newport Beach Tennis Club and Bob Davis found Baci's in Huntington Beach. A small group of us were to do the process of elimination; so we booked appointments and went tasting. Of course both places were excellent, the main issue was parking and set up. Thus, NBTC won out.

Thanks Kathie, it was a great venue even to their decorations. Sorry you couldn't be there to see the end result, you should have come for that drink. Thanks also to the Board for voting to have the treasury cover some of the costs.

My being gone for all of November made it difficult so... A special thanks to Bob for collecting checks and keeping me up to date. Then there is my hero Bud who after unreasonable pressure from me stepped up to the plate and helped with the gift exchange. I really owe him as all he wanted to do was kick back and veg; which I didn't realize until he told me later. After all my wining my mother had the nerve to steal his and Lisa's Poinsettia as we were leaving. I promise I will make it up to you both!

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Looking-Up



What a great year we have enjoyed. Lots of runs, social get-togethers, Tech Days working on our cars and fun meetings like the quarterly meetings were we get together and express our ideas and needs for the club.

I'm looking forward to this year with new merchandise for the club. And lots of new members to share the roads we love so much. I hope some of you step up and put on an event of some sort, even if it is just a picnic or pool party, Birthdays are fun too.

Our event calendar should fill up at the January meeting giving us all something to do on those days we get to go and play with our friends and cars. I know we will be doing some runs this year and have people from our surrounding Miata Clubs joining in the fun so don't be shy come out and join in the runs, especially if you are a new member after all that's why we are in this club to have fun. Oh yes, we do like the discounts that our dealers and vendors share with us as we support those that support our club.

If you would like to get involved with taking a position in the club, new ideas are always welcome and your participation in a board or Rep. position is always rewarding. And these positions also can use a little help once in a while so if you would like to be part of a volunteer helper in one of the positions just ask.

I know help is always appreciated with helping at the meetings with set-up. And the newsletter could always use some stories, pictures, or some sort of article. And the merchandise sales and buying is a fun thing that helps build our treasury so we can do things for the club.

So as you can see there's more than just driving you can do in the club. And it is one way to be noticed as someone that enjoys being a member and helping out in anyway they can.

This months newsletter I stepped up to help so the Editor could enjoy a vacation. Just one of the things the Vice President has done this year # :8^). Well it's been a great year for us and I hope that this year is even better. I want to wish you all a —————



Tom Wood Vice President

SOCIALS

Greater Long Beach

Date: January 24th 2008

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Frisco's Carhops Restaurant
4750 Los Coyotes Diagonal
Long Beach, CA. 90815

Host: Bud Martin

Inland Empire

Date: Thursday, January 17, 2008

Time: 7 - 9pm

Place: Don Jose Mexican Restaurant
8950 Central Avenue
Montclair, CA

Hosts: Donna Nelson

Phone: 909-935-6969

Email: GWN090471@yahoo.com

Description: Mexican food always sounds good and Don Jose has a great selection at reasonable prices. Hope to see you there.

Directions: Located North of the 10 FWY on the west side of central North of Montclair Plaza

North Orange County

Date: Thursday, January 10th

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Place: El Cholo Restaurant
840 East Whittier Blvd.
La Habra
562-691-4618

Hosts: Mike and Martine Votaw
Main: 562-947-6174
Cell: 562-713-6174
m3ev@msn.com

Description: This is one of our favorite haunts for Mexican food. The service is always tops, the food is never disappointing, and the price is reasonable. Come on out to La Habra, home of the famous El Cholo restaurant. The Zagot Restaurant Guide says, *"...this 'true institution' continues to produce 'green corn tamales straight from heaven' and the 'best, strongest margaritas in LA' after over 75 years 'these guys have got it down!'...."*. They have ample parking and seating, and the excellent food is sure to complement the gathering of a Miata friendly crowd. Please **RSVP** so I can get seating set aside, but don't be afraid to show up on the spur of the moment.

San Gabriel Valley

Date: Tues., Jan 15, 2008

Time: 7PM-9PM

Place: Jake's Roadhouse
622 S. Myrtle Ave., Monrovia

Host: Bob & Juli Davis

909.374.3998 C

sgvalley@socalm.org

Description: Joins us for burgers, ribs, fries, etc. and other comfort foods. A SGV favorite!

Directions: Take the 210 freeway to the Myrtle Ave. exit, and go north on Myrtle. Jake's is on the right side of the street, just before Colorado Blvd.

South Bay

Date: Wednesday, January 23, 2008

Time: 7:00pm - ?

Place: Alpine Village Restaurant
833 W. Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90502
(310) 323-6520

Hosts: Mark & Nancy Lucero

Phone: (310) 539-3064

Email: prht07@yahoo.com

Description: Come join us for some good food and Rock n Roll music. The Alpine Village Restaurant features Alpine Cuisine. They have 14 different entrees that range from \$9.95 to \$18.95. Then have some homemade Apple Strudel. By the way did I mention the live Rock n Roll band starts playing at 8:00pm. Please rsvp by Monday, January 21, but if you decide to come at the last minute just show up and we will make room for you. Hope to see you there!

Directions: Alpine Village is located just off the Harbor Freeway, South or the San Diego Freeway. and can be seen from the freeway) From the North, Take the I-110 South to the Torrance Blvd off ramp, just South of the I-405

From the South, Take the I-405 North to the I-110 South, and exit at Torrance Blvd.

South Orange County

Date: Saturday January 12, 2008

Time: 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM

Place: In the Parking lot behind Mazda headquarters, Irvine.

Host: Barry & Robbie Rosenberg

Tel: 949.768.3505 Barry's cell.

Description: Saturday exotic and other cars show. Between the Mazda building and the Ford Premier Auto

Group building.

Description: Every Saturday some of Orange county's best and most interesting cars show up.

Exotics, sports, hot rods, classics and more, current and vintage. Wear comfortable shoes and plan on doing a lot of walking. Coffee, donuts, bagels, pastries and more are available for purchase.

Come early and enjoy the show. Best of all you'll be early for the annual SOCALM general meeting Right there at Mazda headquarters.

Directions: Same ones you 'd use to get to the meeting. (Page-4) Hope to see you there.

southoc@socalm.org

Valley

Date: Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008

Time: 8:00 AM

Place: The Griddle Cafe
7916 Sunset Bl.
Hollywood, CA 90046
323 874-0377

Hosts: James Hinton

Phone: 818 266-5996

Email: metfab@pacbell.net

Description: Pancakes the size of your Miata! Possible star sightings. Followed by a drive up a one lane street that will have you breathless by the time we stop at the top for a never-ending view of LA. Seriously; not a street for the faint hearted, but worth the white knuckle ride!

Directions: On the corner of Sunset at Fairfax. Google, mapquest, or Tomtom the address. their web site is www.thegriddlecafe.com. Ventura County

Ventura

Contact your Representative for Social Location and information

Hal Jandorf ventura@socalm.org
805.495.3446





Miata Maintenance Something we all share!

By: Tom Wood

We all know that regular tune-ups and engine maintenance are needed to give you the improved fuel economy, longer engine life and cleaner air. However, many of us procrastinate until the first signs of car trouble—or later. We'll give you some basic upkeep maintenance here, check your owner's manual for more detailed information.



Under the Hood items

Hoses

Radiator hoses fall into the do-it-yourself-replacement category. Inspect hoses for chafed areas; softness (which can indicate interior deterioration), hardness (which keeps clamps from sealing) and swells.

When replacing radiator hoses, begin by draining the cooling system, capturing the antifreeze so pets don't drink it and poison themselves or let it pollute our ocean and rivers.

Refill the radiator and overflow tank with the recommended mix of antifreeze and water—then "burp" the cooling system according to the service-manual's procedure. Heater hoses can be replaced the same way.

Belts

All Miata's (NA & NB) use a dual belt and the (NC's) use a serpentine-belt system. Tension must be adequate for each belt. The drawback is that a broken belt will disable half or all your vehicle accessories. This should be motivation enough to regularly inspect the belt for missing ribs and frayed plies. A belt-routing diagram is usually included somewhere under the hood.

Air Filter

Paper-style air filter elements should be replaced when found dirty or clogged. Simply remove the old element

and replace it with the new one. Also make sure that the new filter is properly seated in the housing. Some members like the K&N cleanable filters. And some after market Hi-Flow filters (Foam). So it is up to you to choose.

PCV

The positive-crankcase ventilation (PCV) valve filters gases emitted by the engine and then returns them to the valve cover. If it does not rattle when you shake it replace it. Do not clean it; as the spring does loose its tension.

EGR

The exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) valve uses exhaust to reduce cylinder temperature, which in turn reduces nitrogen emissions. Some Miata's need the small path in the intake cleaned once in a while if it gets clogged.

Cap & Rotor

Solid-state, electronic ignition systems have made dithering with breaker points and setting dwell obsolete. To a Miata owner a cap is something you wear and a rotor is what helps stop your car!

Plugs & Wires

Plug wires that have external cracks should be replaced. Faulty wires will also show visible sparks in the dark with the engine running. This is one of the weak points OEM parts seem to have on a Miata and last about 30,000 Miles.

Regardless of whether the wires will be replaced or not, only remove one wire at a time. Also, the thicker the plug wire, the less likelihood of crossfire among them. Miata's come with 7.0mm wires. (We like 8.0mm wires here.) Always use a spark-plug socket to minimize the chance of cracking the plugs' insulators.

Timing Belt

Your vehicle has a timing belt, be sure to change the belt at recommended interval. A broken belt can stop your car in its tracks and you will need to have it towed to where you can have it replaced or do it yourself. Stock Miata engines valves are such that they will not hit any other moving parts when the belt breaks which is nice.

Under the car items!

O2 Sensor

The oxygen sensor monitors emissions and "tells" the vehicle's computer how to adjust the air/fuel ratio. Over time, the sensor's sniffers become clogged with carbon, which produces faulty readings. Swapping out the oxygen sensor is similar to changing a spark plug. Buying an exact-match sensor—one with OE-style plug—makes the job easier than when using the wire-your-own style.

Fuel Filter

Most of us hate tasting and wearing gasoline, so changing the fuel filter puts it way down the to-do list. To minimize the mess, release the fuel pressure from the system following the service manual's recommendation. Disconnecting the battery is recommended, keep smokers well away, pop the old filter loose, catch seeping gas in a coffee can or other suitable container and install the new filter. A small touch of oil helps to keep from tearing the o-rings making reinstallation easier.

"Next Month Changing Sway bars on a NC"

UPCOMING EVENTS



You are invited to spend three days at the California Speedway. Friday starts at 9:AM. Saturday we want to have the biggest group and we will meet at the parking lot across from Starbucks at the I-15 and 4th Street off ramp (Go under the freeway (west) and make a left at the first light, Parking lot on the right. We will gather at 8-8:30 in the Edwards Cinema parking lot and we will lead you to the event. We must arrive together for a free day of events including a trip around the track, executive viewing at the start line, and visiting with the drivers and their cars. We will have an area set aside to show our cars. Everyone is invited in a Miata. Bring your cameras. You can do all three days, I just need a list of who is coming which day so the speedway can have everything planned and ready for us. E-mail twood@csudh.edu or miatafun@miatafun.net to let us know by Jan 20th. Thanks and see you there.

Phoenix Peak-to-Peak Drive

Date: January 6, 2008

Meeting location: Chaparral Suites Resort, east parking lot

5001 N. Scottsdale Rd.

Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Enter off Chaparral Rd east of Scottsdale Rd, and park in the parking area at the far east end of the property

Meeting time: 10:00am; leave at 10:30

This drive will take advantage of the great weather in Phoenix while our Miata brethren in much of the rest of the country have their cars buttoned up in the garage for the winter. The scenic route will take us on an indirect path across the Valley from Camelback Mountain to South Mountain. Along the way we'll experience beautiful views, pass through elegant neighborhoods and exquisite natural areas, and just enjoy the experience of a top-down Miata drive in the Valley of the Sun in January

After taking in the vistas from the top of South Mountain we'll head back down the twisty park roads for lunch. If you wish to come along on this drive please RSVP to Ben Cleaves: azroadster@cablone.net



It's Baaaaaack!

Laurie and I decided after the 2006 Search that we would do the Search for Madonna on the even years, and therefore we had better start talking about 2008.

I have arranged with the Madonna Inn to reserve a block of rooms for May 3rd and 4th, Saturday night and Sunday night. You can start making your room reservations any time. Ask for Rebecca in group reservations and be sure to mention Miata Club so I can be sure that you are included in the group list so we communicate everything to you.

Because it has been two years, and there are people who do not know what the Search is all about, I will give you the basics for now.

1. We spend two nights at the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo. The Inn is unique, fun, and not cheap. Each room is different. Different in every sense of the word. Go to the website at www.madonnainn.com and have a look at the 109 rooms available.
2. The only reason to reserve early (the Madonna Inn charges the first night right away to reserve a room) is to get the exact room you want. Because of that, I have reserved "The Love Nest" for Laurie and I. Take a look. We love that room.
3. We will firm up the activities for our time up there, but historically we have had some driving, some wine tours, the Hearst Castle night tour, the Morro Bay Car Show, and, of course, lots of EATING.

There is a new Miata Club in the area, appropriately named **SLOMiata**. We will be "playing" with them as well.

There will be more details to come, but begin deciding which room you want and get your reservation in to get what you want. If you have questions at any time, be sure and ask.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Hi Everyone!

It's almost January and time to think about Laughlin. Since Easter is early this year how about March 28th & 29th. At the Aquarius (Hilton) @ \$61.00 a night 50 standard rooms on hold. The Aquarius has done a huge renovation on their Casino so there are a couple of non smoking areas and also Starbucks and Outback Steak House. It's also waking distance from Outlet Mall. There is also talk about out door coral parking right out front just for us at Aquarius, just like we had years ago! Let me know!!!!



Please give me some feedback as I need to get this on the Activities Calendar!



Thanks Much!

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Kudos to Tom Wood for the extra email hype!

The gift exchange was really slow getting started, but once Bud joined in and Mark K. picked his first gift, we had a lot of giggles! Mark you are officially in the SO-CALM book of memories, he had at least 4 awesome gifts stolen and ended up with a cap. Wally I heard you poured a bit out of the Bailey's and then it was stolen by the Chapman's, hope you guys found the star chart Hal included with that bottle. Needless to say there were some awesome gifts.

We have booked NBTC for December 13, 2008 and will vote on it at the Annual Meeting. If it's a go I will only have to make a few changes on the menu, add bread, change the chicken portion and ask for more plates for seconds! Not bad for a buffet dinner. I think the food was excellent thanks to Horst and his chefs. Kudos to Michael Perez the guy running around in his shorts for setting up and for sticking around so late.

Only one open favor was left on the table ... Gene? So I take it y'all approved! I do hope our new members Sonja Fischer & her guest and Jolene & David Chapman enjoyed themselves.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!! Bari

SJVMV Coastal Cruise XV

You are invited to join the San Joaquin Valley Miata Club January 26-27th in its 15th Annual Coastal Cruise Run.

Saturday's portion of the run will be a new experience for many of you as we will not be taking the usual route. However, rest assured the route will eventually come out to the coast at Morro Bay where we will then proceed north up HWY 1 to the Courtesy Inn in San Simeon. Dinner as a group will be planned for that evening.

On **Sunday** morning, breakfast will be on your own, then we will continue north up the spectacular coast through Big Sur. Our final destination for the run will be Monterey, where we can gather for lunch and then head for home. If you've joined us on any of the previous Coastal Cruises, you know how laid back and enjoyable this run is. If you haven't, come find out. The only cost is for food, lodging and gas.

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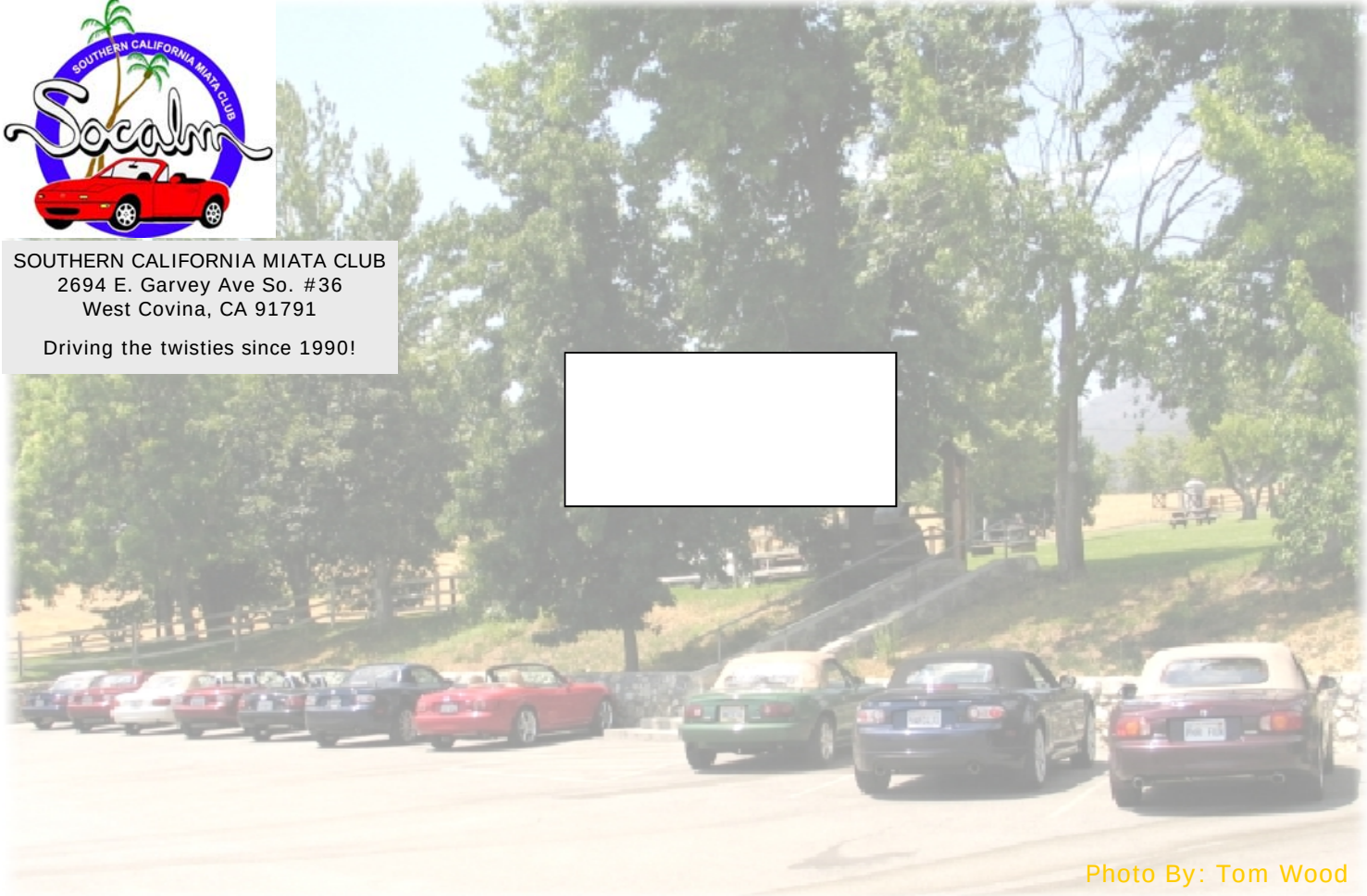


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